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SUBJECT: UDF LEADERS PROMISE JOINT STRUGGLE AGAINST DICTATORIAL
REGIME

REF: KARACHI 0740

1. UDF LEADERS LASHED OUT AT PPP AND BHUTTO MAY 14 AT RECEPTION HELD BY LAHORE LAWYERS. WALI KHAN, NASRULLAH KHAN, AND MUFTI MAHMOOD ALL ACCUSED BHUTTO OF ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH DICTATORSHIP AND PROMISED JOINT STRUGGLE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.
2. UDF VICE PRESIDENT MUFTI MAHMOOD ACCUSED PPP OF "GOVERNMENT BY GOONDAISM" AND DECLARED IT DUTY OF EVERY PATRIOTIC CITIZEN TO JOIN FRONT IN STRUGGLE TO REMOVE TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT WHICH BROUGHT LAWLESSNESS TO COUNTRY. RECENT UNLAWFULL REMOVAL OF MAJORITY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN FRONTIER AND BALUCHISTAN PROVED BHUTTO HAD NO RESPECT FOR CONSTITUTION, HE CONTINUED, AND THERE NO REASON FOR JUBILATION OVER CONSTITUTION SO LONG AS BHUTTO RULED.
3. REPEATING MANY OF SAME ARGUMENTS, WALI KHAN SAID BHUTTO

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ELECTED BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS AND HAD BEEN GIVEN VOICE OF
CONFIDENCE BY ASSEMBLY IN FRAMING OF CONSTITUTION, SO WHY WAS
HE NOW IGNORING RULE OF LAW IN FAVOR OF FASCISM. ALL SPEAKERS
EMPHASIZED UDF WAS EFFORT TO FIGHT COMMON ENEMY FOR GOOD OF
COUNTRY. SPEAKERS ALSO COMPLAINED THAT SECTION 144 BANNING
PUBLIC MEETINGS (LAHORE 0399) IMPOSED IN EVERY PUNJABI CITY
IN WHICH UDF ATTEMPTED TO HOLD OPEN MEETINGS.

4. COMMENT: UDF LEADERS, APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED BY SUCCESSFUL
PUBLIC MEETING IN HYDERABAD, APPEAR FULL OF FIGHT IN LAHORE
ALTHOUGH THEIR MASS CONTACT TOUR PLANS HAVE SO FAR BEEN
THWARTED BY IMPOSITION OF SECTION 144. DIFFICULTY FOR THEM
IS THAT THEY CANNOT EFFECTIVELY EXPLOIT POPULAR ISSUES SUCH
AS INFLATION, POW ISSUE, AND GENERAL LACK OF IMPACT OF
PPP REFORMS AT INDOOR MEETINGS ALLOWED UNDER 144. IT NOTABLE
THAT WALI KHAN WISELY OMITTED HIS EARLIER ATTACKS ON SHAH,
WHO VIEWED IN PUNJAB AS STAUNCH ALLY.
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